prefer taking loans individually, keeping in view the security requirement of the banks.

(d) Does not arise.

Popularisation of improved chulhas in Andhra Pradesh

384. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan to popularise improved chulhas in the remote, tribal and backward areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Programme on improved chulhas (NPIC) is being implemented in all States and Union Territories, including remote, tribal and backward areas of Andhra Pradesh. The programme provides for Central subsidy, self-employed workers' charges, training of users and self-employed workers, State-level Technical Back-Up Units and publicity. The State nodal agency, i.e., Non-Conventional Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (NEDCAP) achieved a target of 1.5 lakh improved chulhas during 2000-2001 and has planned a target of 1.75 lakh improved chulhas for 2001-2002. Besides, Khadi and Village Industries Commission and All India Women's Conference are also implementing NPIC in the State. These agencies make efforts to achieve at least 30 per cent of the allocated annual targets by benefiting people in tribal, remote and backward areas.

Providing funds for reconstruction and repair work of old Hydel Power Projects

†385. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.